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## Sullivan addresses COVID-19, Halloween

*Halloween  
destination focuses  
on safe rides*

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – South Hadley residents have taken great strides in their prolonged crusade to reduce the number of COVID-19 cases in the town, but cases of the novel coronavirus continue to appear. Town Administrator Michael Sullivan addressed the spread during the Oct. 6 meeting of the Selectboard.

“Over the last 14 days, we’ve had eight cases of COVID,” said Sullivan. “You may recall, a very short while ago, our 14-day period was zero. We had zero two weeks in a row, and that was a good thing. We’re heading in the right direction, but like the rest of the state and really a great deal of the nation, the numbers are starting to creep up.”

Two South Hadley residents diagnosed with COVID-19 were removed from the town’s list of



Photo by Dalton Zbierski

### Monster Mash Haunted Hayrides resume today at McCray's Farm on Alvord St.

confirmed cases. Sullivan explained that their current location warranted the action.

“There were two [cases] revoked, which kind of stunned me,” he said. “There were two people who tested positive in California, but their true residence is South Hadley. Because they’re still in California, those

two cases were subsequently returned back to California and are no longer reflected in South Hadley. It was a little bit interesting.”

With Halloween three weeks away, the Selectboard discussed

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## Selectboard offers community updates

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – At the onset of the Oct. 6 South Hadley Selectboard meeting, town officials offered updates pertaining to upcoming community functions and recent developments in town.

### Political signs

Selectboard Vice Chair Sarah Etelman began the conversation, describing a series of incidents involving the theft of political signs. Etelman expressed she would not stand for such behavior.

“We had a message earlier today that some political signs around town are being stolen. I really just want to remind folks that if it’s on private property, it’s someone’s private property. Taking a sign, whether you agree with it or not, is theft,” said Etelman.

With the Nov. 3 national elec-

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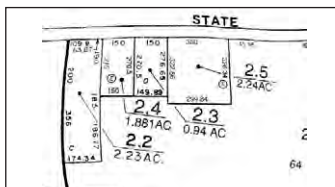
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# South Hadley and Granby Chamber of Commerce hosts support local bingo

The South Hadley and Granby Chamber of Commerce has been unable to host its traditional events throughout 2020, but has thought of some ways to bring some excitement and fun to local businesses while delivering the message to “support local” to its communities. The chamber is coordinating “support local” bingo. The bingo will feature 25 businesses that are current Members of the South Hadley and Granby Chamber of Commerce. Any member of the community can frequent those 25 businesses as many

times as they would like in the coming two months, dates to be finalized by next week. By stapling their receipts to the bingo card, members of the community can redeem bingo cards where the receipts show they have bingo for a chance to win prizes. For any questions about the event, to sign on as one of the 25 featured businesses, to sponsor the promotion by providing a raffle prize, or to join the chamber to be included in future events, please contact Melissa Whitelock at [melissa@shgchamber.com](mailto:melissa@shgchamber.com). The deadline to participate is Oct. 9.

In order to be one of the 25 businesses featured on the Bingo Card, all you have to do is be a current Member of the Chamber in good standing, and there is no charge to participate. The first 25 businesses to email Melissa Whitelock from the chamber will be the 25 businesses featured on the bingo card. Are you concerned you have a business that does not qualify for this type of promotion? You can be recognized as a sponsor of this promotion by donating a prize, or by using one of your prepaid sponsorships.

# Mail-in voting ballots are on their way to residents

SOUTH HADLEY – Town hall staff have pitched in over the last few days to assist the town clerk’s office assemble vote-by-mail ballot packets. The ballots have been mailed out in waves throughout this week. Residents have been and will continue to receive them as they are assembled. More than 5,500 have been assembled and mailed, with a few hundred more to go.

If you would like to request a ballot be sent to you when they arrive, fill out a request here: <https://www.southhadley.org/DocumentCenter/View/6982/2020-Vote-by-Mail-Application?fbclid=IwAR22C-cWQBPTjVV3GAXmYd-n2v1m-fz6Gwqnkxa5ZK39RxhUy3gGn-0qY5MPKw>

Many residents understandably have questions about the election. The town clerk’s office, which follows the guidelines established by the state, has answers and links to many questions, here: <https://www.southhadley.org/620/Elections> and they also encourage residents to visit the Secretary of State’s website which has extensive information and answers to many common questions here: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm>

Additionally, you can call the town clerk’s office at 538-5030 ext. 6183 or send the clerk and assistant clerk an email at [chamlin@southhadley.ma.gov](mailto:chamlin@southhadley.ma.gov) or [sgmeiner@southhadley.ma.gov](mailto:sgmeiner@southhadley.ma.gov).

# Federal jury convicts Granby man of child exploitation

BOSTON – A Granby man was convicted today by a federal jury in Springfield of child exploitation offenses according to a press release from the United States Attorney’s office in the District of Massachusetts.

Jonathan Monson, 38, was convicted of four counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, eight counts of distribution of child pornography, two counts of receipt of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. U.S. District Court Judge Mark G. Mastroianni scheduled sentencing for Jan. 7, 2021. The defendant was arrested on March 8, 2018 and has been held in custody since that time.

Monson used a child on four occasions in 2017 and 2018 to produce child pornography, which was later found on his cell phone. In June 2017, Monson distributed child pornography files to a Kik messenger group. Monson was trading child

pornography videos on Kik messenger at 3:30 a.m. with another Kik user, just a few hours before federal agents executed a search warrant at his home. The evidence at trial also showed that Monson had additional child pornography files on his phone at the time of the search warrant.

The charge of sexual exploitation of a child provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and up to 30 years in prison, a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charges of receipt and distribution of child pornography provide for a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and up to 20 years in prison, a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special

Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; and Granby Police Chief Alan Wishart made the announcement Wednesday, Oct. 7. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex J. Grant of Lelling’s Springfield Branch Office is prosecuting the case.

The case is brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys’ Offices and the DOJ’s Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafchildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov/).

# Drive-through flu clinic set for Oct. 14 in South Hadley

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Board of Health is holding a drive-through flu clinic for anyone ages three and older, sponsored by Walgreens, on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The drive-through clinic will be located at Beers & Story at 646 Newton St. in South Hadley.

Masks are required and must be worn properly. Registration is required. Schedule your appointment here: [wag-soutreach.com/ss/SOU517920](http://wag-soutreach.com/ss/SOU517920) If you have any questions, please contact Public Health Nurse Marge Bernard or Public Health Director Sharon Hart at 413-538-5030 ext. 6184

# United Way of Pioneer Valley COVID-19 fund distributes PPE

SPRINGFIELD – As part of our COVID-19 response efforts, United Way of Pioneer Valley (UWPV) has completed a round of personal protective equipment and other COVID-19 related items distribution to multiple area nonprofits and municipalities. Recipients of PPE to date are: Agawam Dept. of Public Health Boys and Girls Club of Chicopee Chicopee Food Force Granville Fire Department Granville Police Department

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# Baker-Polito administration announces grants to support local water quality gement efforts

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration today announced \$220,000 in federal grants to six projects across the Commonwealth to assess watershed pollution and plan for work to address water quality impairments. The projects, selected by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), are based in Bourne, Dennis, Everett, Medfield, Monterey and Springfield. “Preservation of the Commonwealth’s watersheds is crucial for natural resources, local economies and the quality of life of residents,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “These grants will help local officials identify problem areas and implement comprehensive plans to ensure that watersheds and waterways are safe and healthy for all to enjoy.” The local projects receiving funding are: **Improving Water Quality Through Green Infrastructure Capacity Building – \$41,400** **Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)** PVPC will prepare five to seven readily implementable stormwater Best Man-

agement Practice designs, with the focus on green infrastructure. The project also offers a 35-to-40-hour green infrastructure certificate-training program for 20 municipalities and 10 technical community college students to increase the green infrastructure knowledge base and interest within the region. “Massachusetts has long supported its watersheds and waterways as a community asset,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “We’re pleased to offer this support to communities and regional organizations that want to collect information to help them assess and manage these vital natural resources.” The grants are funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act. Since 1998, MassDEP has funded 109 projects under the 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning program, totaling more than \$5 million to address nonpoint source pollution problems. “Watersheds and waterways can be contaminated by bacteria and nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus, severe-

ly impacting the quality of life in our communities,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “These grants will help communities assess the problem and come up with commonsense solutions.” “We are pleased to support communities as they work to protect and restore their local water resources,” said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “This year’s investment will help communities collect watershed data, develop green infrastructure plans, build local capacity through a green infrastructure training program and fund local efforts to improve water quality.” The term “nonpoint source pollution” refers to contaminants that are carried to a waterway due to precipitation and stormwater runoff from the land or infiltration into the soil.

Common types of nonpoint source pollution include phosphorus and nitrogen from lawn and garden fertilizers, bacteria from pet waste and waterfowl, oil and grease from parking lots and roadways and sediment from construction activities and soil erosion.

# Notice to Water Consumers

**FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, SOUTH HADLEY**

**The Water Department – Fire District No.1 WILL BE FLUSHING FIRE HYDRANTS October 13th – October 16th.**

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# Library offering Halloween adventures

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – While the facility remains closed to the public for the seventh consecutive month, much is happening inside the South Hadley Public Library. In light of the approaching holiday, the library has prepared an intriguing selection of Halloween-themed programs for children and teens.

“We’re trying to incorporate enough activities that are Halloween-related even from a distance so that they can still celebrate. For instance, our weekly craft that we’re doing on Thursdays on Facebook; they’re either fall or Halloween-related,” said Meg Clancy, Youth Services Librarian.

Young patrons have taken a great liking to the “Take and Make” craft program, which offers children a craft to create at home. During October, the library is offering a Pony Bread Pumpkin craft.

Parents are encouraged to register their children online or over the phone, and a bag full of supplies can be picked up at the library on Canal St.

“Inside the bag are all the materials that they’re going to need to need to create the craft,” said Clancy. “There could be a few things that [aren’t in the bag]; we assume they have scissors, glue, tape and stuff like that, but the main pieces that they’ll need for the craft are within the bag.”

Teen Program Coordinator Bethany Roberts is also recognizing Halloween. This month, the newly established “Book Wizards: Graphic Novel Book Club,” is featuring “Sheets” by Brenna Thummler, a novel centered around a haunted laundromat.

“I order copies of the book and can set them aside for any teen that is interested,” said Roberts.

Currently, a popular teen program is the “Teen Takeaways Subscription Box.” Teens ages 11 through high school can sign up for the library’s new subscription box service.

Each month, participants will receive



Courtesy photos  
**Youth Services Librarian poses with one of the many crafts that she has made available for local children to partake in**

a new craft and several other goodies. The activity does not require virtual meetings; this month’s craft involves assembling a paper straw hat.

“With everyone having to do a lot more on their screens with Zoom and virtual learning; even first graders are doing school online now so it’s nice to be able to have options that give you a break and give your eyes a rest,” said Roberts.

One of the library’s recent developments involves its first in-person events since early March. During the latter half of the month, Buttery Brook Park will host two library functions.

In conjunction with the Collaborative for Education Services, Clancy has organized a socially distant playgroup that will occur in two sessions on Oct. 22; the first



**Halloween-themed crafts have long been a staple of the South Hadley Public Library's Halloween-themed programming. This year, Youth Services Librarian Meg Clancy has led a variety of virtual craft-making sessions.**

session begins at 3 p.m. while the second start at 3:35 p.m.

The program will be limited. Parents can register on the library’s website; a registration form should appear by early next week. Clancy explained how the activity will unfold.

“Families will bring their own percussion instruments from home, and we’re going to be doing clapping and tapping and stomping rhythms that will be facilitated by the leaders from the collaborative. There won’t be any singing; singing’s a no-go right now because of [COVID-19],” said Clancy.

When we say bring your own percussion instruments that doesn’t mean they have to own drums or anything. They can bring wooden spoons or pots and pans or buckets; anything that can make a percussion sound,” she continued.

The second outdoor program at Buttery Brook Park is scheduled for Oct. 29. Clancy previewed a costume parade, a yearly Rag Shag tradition that the pandemic won’t deter.

“We’re going to have a dress-up parade; it’s going to feel more like Halloween,” she said. “There’s going to be a lit-



**Toilet paper Frankensteins were all the rage this month amongst the library's youngest virtual patrons.**

tle mini-parade where families can take turns walking around the field in costume. They’ll all be going one family at a time, and we’ll end with a socially-distanced, Halloween-themed mini-dance party. They’ll have designated areas that each family can be in.”

For more information about children’s and teen programming, one can visit the SHPL website at [shadleylib.org](http://shadleylib.org).

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## Hampshire County District Attorney, local police chiefs announce expansion

REGION – District Attorney David E. Sullivan and six police chiefs have partnered with community stakeholders and local volunteers to increase access to restorative justice in Hampshire County.

Based on their shared vision that restorative justice must be available broadly within Hampshire County, they now announce the launch of Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ) in Hampshire County, a pro-

gram that diverts adults out of the criminal justice system and into restorative justice.

“Restorative justice provides an alternative to the criminal justice process that meaningfully addresses structural inequities by enabling the community to take part in its own restoration after a crime has been committed. We have used restorative practices in our Juvenile Justice Unit for years and have worked with

schools to integrate restorative justice into their disciplinary models,” said District Attorney David Sullivan. “I am now incredibly pleased that restorative justice will be available for adults as well.”

The participating police departments, each of whom has committed to an annual payment that funds administrative costs, are Amherst, Easthampton, Hadley, Northampton, South Hadley and Ware. Additionally, the Northwestern District Attorney’s Office will support C4RJ, which will enable Assistant District Attorneys to refer cases from any police department in Hampshire County.

“Our partnership with C4RJ enhances our role as a community police department,” said South Hadley Police Chief Jen Gundersen. “Restorative justice values empathy and community responsibility in a way that the court system does not always allow for.”

Restorative justice is a process to involve, to the extent possible, those who have a stake in an offense that has been committed and collectively to identify and address harms, needs, and obligations in order to heal and restore the community. Often this work is done before criminal charges are filed and instead of proceeding with a court case. Restorative justice programs subscribe to these principles: crime is a violation of people and relationships; crime creates harms, needs, and obligations; and those most affected should be meaningfully included and empowered.

Although restorative justice has been available in Hampshire County on a lim-

ited basis, C4RJ’s structure brings a reliable and expanded restorative justice model to the area. Local volunteers will be trained in restorative practices and the C4RJ process throughout the fall and will begin receiving referrals from police departments in early 2021. A second round of volunteer training in 2021 will enable the Hampshire County program to expand the number of cases it takes.

District Attorney Sullivan said, “Our office, which currently runs two pre-arrest diversion programs out of the district courts, welcomes C4RJ and the opportunity it provides to divert cases out of the criminal justice system and into a community space that can lead to real transformation for all involved, including the offender, the victim, and the police officer. I am proud to join with our local police chiefs who jumped at the opportunity to send cases directly into restorative justice before a charge issues. We all understand that restorative practices have important and deep historical roots and must be an integral part of our future.”

“This expansion into Western Massachusetts demonstrates that C4RJ’s model is replicable across the Commonwealth when we have strong partners who are willing to invest in a new way of doing things,” said Margot Fleischman, C4RJ Board President. “We’re grateful for the leadership of District Attorney Sullivan and his staff, and for the police chiefs of these six towns. We’re excited to be working with them to transform their communities’ response to crime through the use of restorative practices.”

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# Granby superintendent search set to begin

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

GRANBY – The Granby School Committee will soon begin the process of selecting the district’s next superintendent. During its Oct. 6 virtual meeting, committee members outlined the course to pursuit of an ideal long-term replacement.

On July 30, Superintendent Sheryl Stanton stepped down from the position after four years. Carol Hepworth, formerly the district’s Pupil Services Director, postponed her retirement and accepted the position of Interim Superintendent.

With Hepworth set to retire at the conclusion of the current school year, the district must select a long-term replacement. Committee Chair Emre Evren, an experienced consultant, discussed what will await the district in the coming months.

“There are two ways that school districts typically go about finding their next superintendent. One is to look internally into the potential candidates in their own district, and then the second approach is what we are all accustomed to,” said Evren. “Typically, with the help of a consultant, we go out and put on our ads and then look to see if we can find suitable candidates from anywhere across the country.”

Evren divulged that districts typically employee a consultant to aid in the search and vet candidates. To be considered a candidate, one must be certified to serve as a superintendent in the state of Massachusetts.



Photo by Dalton Zbierski

East Meadow School sits still on a cloudy autumn day.

Evren recommended that the district begin the process by searching internally. Other committee members, however, preferred that the district begin by pursuing outside candidates while also interviewing district employees who are qualified for the job.

“I’m worried that if we only looking internally first, how do we know that we’re not missing out on somebody that might have experience elsewhere? I don’t believe that any of our internal candidates have any experience as a superintendent,” said committee member Jennifer Bartosz. “That’s part of why I want to go external right away; to find somebody that has a little bit of experience.”

Hesitant to hire an internal candidate,

the committee expressed concerns about removing a district employee from his or her position during a time in which much is being asked of all teachers and staff members. Committee member Stephanie Parent was one member who opposed conducting a separate internal search.

“I feel like because we’re such a small community, such a small district, the people who would be applying from within would be a very small pool given our size,” said Parent. “Would it be possible to just do an outside search and they can just participate in that search?”

The committee agreed with Parent’s suggestion and began weighing the necessity of a consultant. Evren recalled that the district spent approximately \$12,000

on consulting during the previous search that landed Stanton.

The committee will be responsible for making the final decision in regards to the next superintendent, but will work to collect community input before the final selection. While the committee could select a candidate without the assistance of a consultant, Parent expressed her opinion that one is much needed.

“I think that there’s a big benefit when we go with a professional who is going through the different interviews and weeding out [candidates]. As much as I think you’re all extremely smart people on this panel, I think that there are things that we just don’t know,” said Parent.

On Oct. 6, the committee postponed its decision to hire or forgo employing consultant until its next scheduled meeting.

The course of action was taken to allow committee members time to gain a better understanding of the process and also to allow committee member Audrey Siudak an opportunity to participate. Siudak was absent from Tuesday evening’s meeting.

“I will come back with more information about potential consultants next time for us to make a decision which way we want to go,” said Evren. “I will find out who else can be part of the process and bring more information with the expectation that at our next meeting we will move forward after that. The search begins with the next meeting.”

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how the town will oversee trick-or-treating. Sullivan stated that the activity will be permitted; however, he recommends that families avoid partaking in the door-to-door tradition if possible.

“We don’t encourage it,” said Sullivan. “We encourage people, who don’t want to participate, to make sure they keep their light off. Some people have put planters on their steps to indicate that they’re not participating in trick-or-treating, but it is an organic, traditional affair, and we hope people will use common sense and hopefully will stay home.”

Sullivan reassured residents that trick-or-treaters will not be fined or arrested, an action that several suggested the town pursue. He also made it clear that that no bylaw or ordinance exists that would enable the town to ban trick-or-treating.

This is not the first time that the town has urged people to stay in on Halloween. In 2011, the town encouraged trick-or-treaters to remain home during the Halloween nor’easter, an unseasonal storm that dumped nearly a foot of snow onto South Hadley.

Pranksters beware, law enforcement will respond to reports of trespassing and mischievous behavior. Sullivan emphasized that unruly conduct will result in disciplinary action.

“People who will have their lights off are worried about other people not obeying their wishes. We’ve told them if they do have a problem, please call the South Hadley Police Dept.,” said Sullivan. “If we have to go to a residence because they’re being harassed for not participating, we want to address that. That is something that we’ll draw the line on. If you don’t want to participate, please don’t, and we ask people to stay home.”

One popular Halloween destination, McCray’s Farm on Alvord St., also entered the discussion on Tuesday evening. Beginning today, the business is operating its Monster Mash Haunted Hayrides, and numerous residents are nervous that too many people will congregate on the property.

“I know there’s been a lot of ques-



Photo by Dalton Zbierski

Over the years, McCray’s Farm on Alvord St. has become a destination throughout the region.

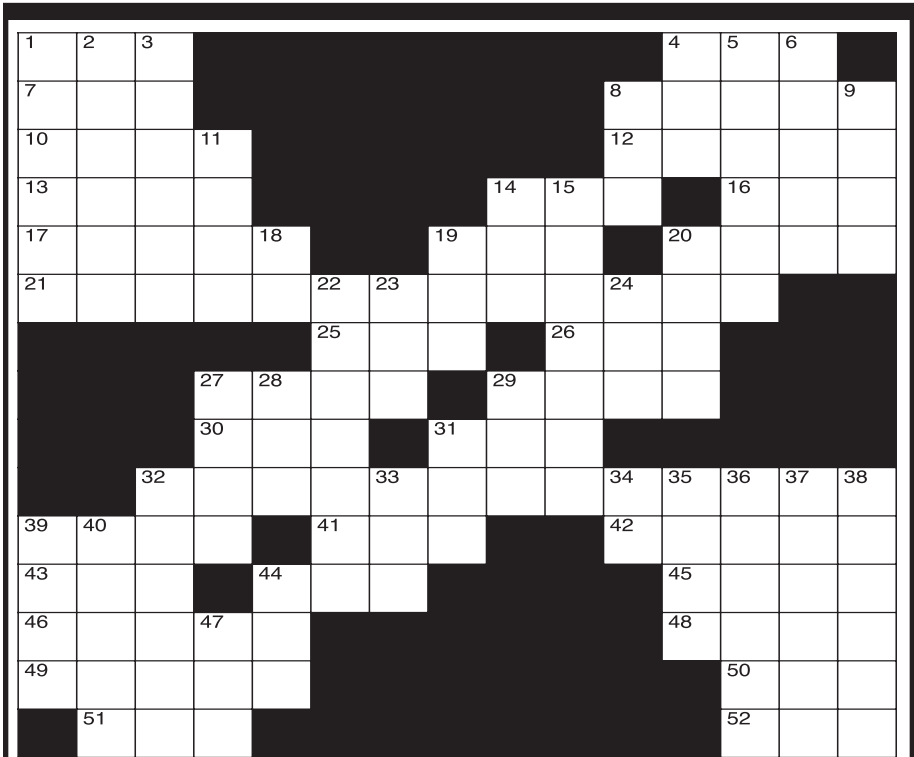
tions about McCray’s Farm because of the crowds; I know you all got a lot of emails,” said Sullivan to the Selectboard. “You may know that the state increased outdoor gatherings for anything with an entertainment feature, which qualifies for the haunted hayrides, which start this Friday, to 250.”

When asked for a statement, McCray’s Farm expressed its desire to operate within state-mandated guidelines. The farm has prepared diligently to launch a safe and fun slate of hayrides.

Sullivan stated that the town has requested the state’s assistance in monitoring the hayrides. He has been in contact with Police Chief Jennifer Gundersen and Emergency Management/Health Director Sharon Hart to develop a strategy.

“We continue to work with McCray’s to try to stay within the guidelines,” he said. “It’s something that [draws] a larger crowd, but in that 250 there still has to be social distancing and opportunities for people to either wash their hands or sanitize. [Residents] are also required to schedule in advance.”

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### CLUES ACROSS

- They look out for kids
- Play
- Water (French)
- Prayer leader
- Small constellation
- Carta: influential royal charter
- Pressure unit
- Extrasensory perception
- A symbol of “Aloha”
- Portion of the small intestine
- Psychedelic amphetamine
- Very long period of time
- British overseas territory
- Cereal grain
- Car mechanics group

- Wish harm upon
- At a specific prior time
- Peyton’s younger brother
- UK firefighters’ union
- Carroll O’Connor’s screen partner
- Popular show honoring musicians
- Basics
- Honk
- Trent Reznor’s band
- Patti Hearst’s captors
- Long-legged wading bird
- Specialized biological grouping
- A coin goes in it
- Of the wind
- One-time measure of length

- A very large body of water
- River in NE Scotland

### CLUES DOWN

- Boston hoopster
- A type of bribe
- SE England county
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- “Hotel California” rockers
- Italian province
- Mischievous child
- Popular street name
- Boxing promoter Bob
- Snakelike fish
- Break into pieces
- The Bay State
- Time zone
- Port city in Yemen
- In name only
- 007’s creator

- No (Scottish)
- Baseball’s Gordon and rock’s Snider are two
- Pie \_\_\_ mode
- Don’t know when yet
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Make a ringing metallic sound
- Helps little firms
- Pound
- Lilly and Manning are two
- Put on the back burner
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Cuddle
- Poker stake
- Drinks to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
- Pouch
- Not around



Opinion

GUEST COLUMN

Unique trees for seasonal color

We stayed home most of last weekend. By the time we got back into the car to head off to school, the hills were no longer shade of green, they were ablaze in all the familiar yellows, oranges, and reds produced by our cherished maple trees.

Some say the color is dull this year. I say I'll take what I can get. When everything else seems messed-up, at least we can count on the change of seasons.

If you would like to add some unique color to your home landscape, consider planting one or more of the following lesser-known trees in your yard.

First of all, what causes leaves to change color? If you guessed that it has something to do with cooler weather and less hours of daylight you are correct. These cues cause trees to enter their dormant period. During dormancy the production of chlorophyll ceases (it is chlorophyll that gives vegetation its green color), allowing other color pigments in the leaf to become more prominent. Carotenoids are yellow and orange pigments, while anthocyanins are red and purplish. Brilliancy varies from season to season thanks to the weather, but as a general rule bright sunny days and cool nights make for great leaf peeping.

The first and most intriguing tree I'll mention is the ginkgo (Ginkgo biloba). This tree is a living artifact; fossil records date it back 200 million years ago! Recently, extracts of ginkgo have been touted to boost memory. Besides being tolerant of salt and smog, the tree has a nice shape, pyramidal when young and becoming more open and spreading with age. Unique fan-shaped leaves turn brilliant yellow in fall, and then, seemingly overnight, will all drop to the ground. Imagine, raking only once! Plant only male cultivars, as fruit produced by females is messy and stinky. 'Magyar' and 'Autumn Gold' are two such cultivars that mature to about 60 feet.

An even more majestic tree with desirable fall foliage is the tulip poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera). It is one of our tallest eastern American deciduous trees, reaching 190 feet in rare cases. At home, expect vigorous growth from 70 to 90 feet in height, with a spread of roughly half that. Give the tulip poplar lots of room and rich, moisture retentive soil. Mature trees flower in late spring; honey from cross-pollinating bees is reportedly superior in quality. Leaves turn a beautiful golden yellow in the fall. For a shorter version of this wonderful tree, plant the cultivar 'Fastigiatum'; it grows to around 50 feet and is more narrow in shape.

Another one of my favorite trees is the sourwood (Oxydendron arboreum). Supposedly, the sourwood gets its name from its acid-tasting leaves that hunters would chew on to ward off thirst during long days spent in the woods. This eastern U.S. native is a tree for all seasons, but especially autumn. Lily of the valley-like flowers (fragrant, too) cover rich green foliage in summer. Foliage changes to yellow, red and purple in fall. Seedpods dangle from the tree even after leaves have dropped. The sourwood matures to a delicate 25 feet. Plant close-by to fully appreciate. I'll always remember that this tree was a favorite of my close friend and horticultural legend, Paul Rogers.

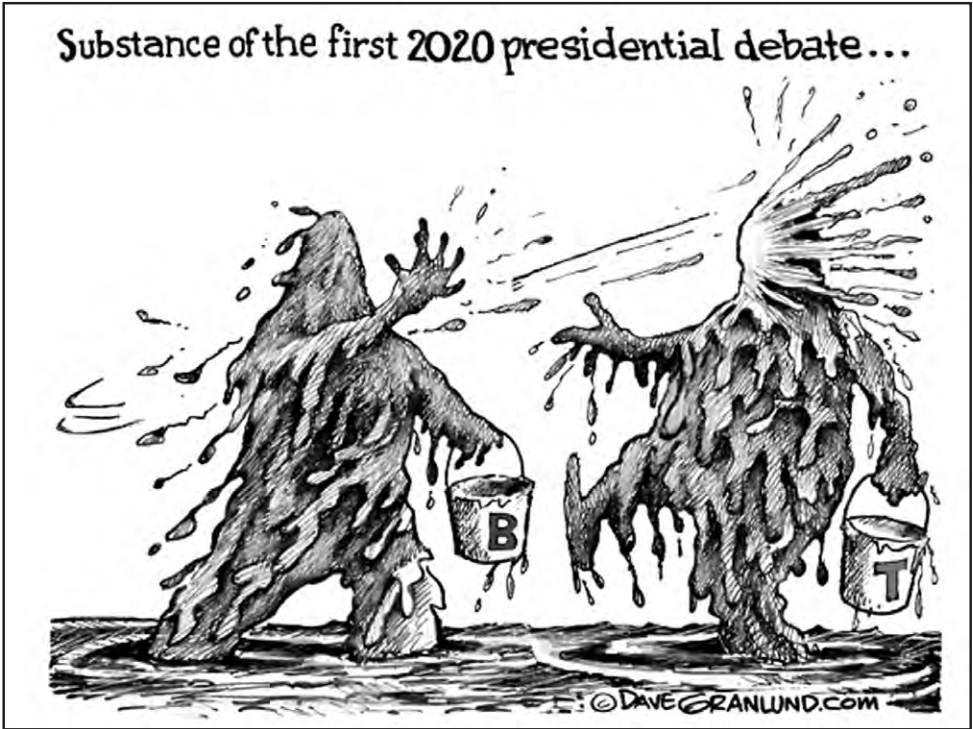
An additional small tree worthy of mention is the apple serviceberry (Amelanchier x grandiflora). Like the sourwood, this selection has multi-season interest. White flowers appear in spring before leaves are present. Orange and red fall foliage is especially noteworthy in a cultivar by the name of 'Autumn Brilliance'. Edible fruit persists only as long as you or birds

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IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let's get electric school buses

Letter to the editor

The South Hadley School Committee has been incredibly busy dealing with the complications of COVID-19. They have also been working on finding a new superintendent. It is a difficult time for them to be concerned about school buses when few school buses are running.

The South Hadley Electric Light Department is very busy installing high-speed Internet cable in the town. They also have to supply electricity while working under the COVID-19 safety precautions.

I am writing this because the EPA is offering incentives for electric school buses during this month. Why should we care about electric school buses, you ask. The diesel school buses cause air pollution harming children in both the short and long-term. COVID-19 has made us more aware of good lung function. Long term the children of today will have to live with climate change. Electric school buses leave the air clean. Electric school buses will help the South

Hadley electric light department during peak times of electric usage. They have very large batteries. It is called vehicle to grid (V2G).

The towns of Amherst and Concord (a MLP) have already begun to use electric school buses in conjunction with their utilities. They have used incentives to bring the price of electric school buses down to the cost of diesel school buses. They may get more incentives this month from the EPA.

We need to start thinking about these issues even in this time of crisis. We will always be in a time of crisis until our climate is back to clean air. Please see the URLs below.

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John Howard

GUEST COLUMN

In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

Most people know the old saying, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." I'll take the two in the bush. Last Sunday, I had a hermit thrush and a cedar waxwing eating pokeweed berries in my yard at the same time.

The hermit thrush is 7 ½ inches long. It has a brown head, back and wings with a reddish brown tail. It has a white breast with spotting on the breast. It also has a white eye ring. It feeds mostly on the ground, eating insects, spiders, earthworms, snails, wild berries and fruit. Its voice is one long whistle followed by three or four higher and differently pitched whistles. Its call is a soft "chuck" and a whining "tweee." The hermit thrush has a habit of slightly raising or lowering its tail, which is often accompanied by a "chuck" call. It also frequently flicks wings and sings on migration.

The female lays three to six light blue or blue green eggs in a nest of mosses, grasses and rotted wood lined with rootlets, bark strips and other fine materials. The nest is either built on the ground or two to eight feet above ground in a bush or tree.

Other backyard birds

I also saw a male common yellow throat the day before. I heard its "tchat, tchat" call and looked toward the sound. I've also seen a female as well. The catbird is still here. However, I have not seen a hummingbird in

two weeks. I still have one nectar feeder up. I've only seen the downy woodpecker at the feeder.

Loon Preservation Committee rescues

I received an electronic newsletter from the Loon Preservation Committee in New Hampshire. They reported responding to two calls in August about distressed loons, one at Nubanusit Lake and the other at Lake Sunapee. Both loons were tangled in fishing line. The loon at Nubanusit Lake, despite the efforts of a team of veterinarians and wildlife rehabilitators, did not survive. The letter said, "Thanks to a dedicated team of lake residents and volunteers who stayed with the loon until we could arrive, LPC staff were able to quickly locate, capture and untangle the loon. The loon was given a health exam, including a test of its blood for lead. Since its lead levels were low and it was incredibly energetic in hand, the loon was determined to be fit for release. We banded it so that we can track its progress, and Lake Sunapee residents have continued to keep an eye out for it in the weeks since its rescue."

A male loon from LPC's Loon Cam 1 seemed to have gotten into a territorial fight at another lake. He was taken to Avian Haven Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center for treatment and rehabilitation. The newsletter said,

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A QUOTE

of NOTE

"I'm worried that if we only looking internally first, how do we know that we're not missing out on somebody that might have experience elsewhere?"

Granby School Committee member Jennifer Bartosz, in the story "Granby superintendent search set to begin."

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tion on the horizon, tensions are rising across the country. South Hadley is no different; Etelman said she appreciated the passion of the town’s voters but believes that removing political signs is a foolish and pointless use of one’s time.

“It costs people money, but people are buying new signs so you are probably defeating the purpose for which you are taking the sign in the first place. Even more importantly, it doesn’t belong to you; please leave it there,” she said.

**Flu shots**

Kristen Maher, Executive Asst. to Administration, took an opportunity to promote an initiative that will soon offer residents flu shots. She elaborated on the event that will occur next Wednesday.

“There will be a drive through clinic in South Hadley on Oct. 14 at Beers & Story from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. You have to register in advance, and masks are required. You can go to our town website, southhadley.gov, and look at our news and an-

nouncements,” said Maher.

Beers & Story Funeral Home is located 646 Newton St. One can schedule an appointment at [wagsoutreach.com/ss/SOU517920](http://wagsoutreach.com/ss/SOU517920); one must be at least three-years-old to receive a shot.

Town Administrator Michael Sullivan shared Maher’s enthusiasm for the flu shot distribution event. He strongly recommends that residents register ahead of time but acknowledged that they will likely be able to do so in person on Oct. 14.

“The administrators will be giving flu shots under the canopy,” said Sullivan. “We ask that you register in advance. If you aren’t able to register in advance, however, there will be a spot designated at the back of the parking lot. If they have enough flu vaccines, they will allow you to drive through, but you’ll have to go to that back area and register.”

**Early voting**

Sullivan also outlined the town’s early voting schedule. In-person early voting will be available at the South Hadley Public Library at 2 Canal St. on

Oct. 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Oct. 19 through Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 24 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Oct. 26 through Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Town Clerk Carlene Hamlin will appear in the next virtual Selectboard meeting to discuss early voting as well as the procedures that will be in place on Nov. 3 at South Hadley High School. Sullivan noted that the town is making headway in its effort to distribute mail-in ballots.


“The clerk’s office yesterday put out the first 1,500 early voting mail-in ballots. They were sent out so they’re on their way. There were another 1,600 sent out today,” said Sullivan on Oct. 6. “There’s over 6,000 ballots being mailed out for approximately 11,400 voters so it’s a monumental task for Town Hall. I, myself, have worked on about 500 in the last two days so we’re getting them out as fast as we can and appreciate people’s patience.”

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From battling COVID-19 to preparing for a momentous election, Town Hall employees have kept busy all year.



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**Megan Carey moves up the field with the ball.**

## Tigers hang with top team in opener



**Maddie Provost sends a pass away.**



**Gabi Moroney clears the ball out of South Hadley's end.**



**Kayla Carleton drags the ball.**

**SOUTH HADLEY** – The South Hadley High School field hockey team was able to keep up with visiting Minnechaug, a top Division 1 team, in the opener for both squads. Minnechaug was able to grab a 3-1 victory in the game, though South Hadley's defense did a great job keeping it close against Minnechaug's deep offense. Gabi Moroney scored the lone goal for the Tigers. Goalie Kaitlyn Lynes made 11 saves.



**Molly Menard fights to keep possession.**



**Sarah Wojnarowski heads for the sideline as she advances up the field.**

## Geographic 'bubbles' adopted for fall season

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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**REGION** – It seemed to work okay for Major League Baseball, and now the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference in Western Massachusetts and Mid-Wach League of Central Mass. are utilizing a similar strategy to limit travel for teams.

High school fall sports will observe a similar limited travel schedule to that of the MLB as they go into "geographic" bubbles.

In Western Mass., due to the diversity of the area, the PVIAC has always made leagues based on a competitive balance. While you might see intermingling of the teams in Division 1, 2, 3, and 4, it is based on how good a team's competition level is in a certain sport.

Now, there is still intermingling of divisions, but it is only based on the region and the pure geography of the area.

In many sports, the teams have been divided into four "bubbles." They are Hampshire East and West, and Hampden East and West. Many of the Springfield teams have been placed into a bubble within the city due to the number of schools there.

The Hampden leagues consists mostly of the larger schools in the region as Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Minnechaug, Chicopee, and Chicopee Comprehensive are lumped into the Hampden East.

On the other side, the Hampden West features Westfield, Agawam, West Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton, with smaller schools Southwick and Hampshire Regional lumped in.

Smaller schools are featured in the Hampshire West, with Gateway, Easthampton, Smith Vocational, St. Mary's, Westfield Tech, and the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion School.

The Hampshire East is the largest and perhaps the most diverse league with South Hadley and Belchertown in a bubble with four smaller schools in Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, and Ware, and Amherst as a major Division 1 outlier. With teams playing schedules of 10 to 12 games, there are no games scheduled outside a respective bubble. This limits the interaction between schools and lengthy travel on buses where students are in closer contact.

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## Rams ready for action



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**Liam Brown makes the quick touch.**

**GRANBY** – The Granby High School boys soccer team is prepared and ready to start the abbreviated fall season. Granby was scheduled to open up earlier this week.



**Steven Torres settles the ball before making his next move.**



**Nolan Sullivan tracks down the loose ball.**





## How to hit the open road during a pandemic

Fall has traditionally been a great time of year to hit the open road. Fall foliage annually provides an idyllic backdrop for fall road trips. But 2020 is a year unlike any other, and veteran road trippers may wonder if it's wise, or even legal, to take to the open road this fall.

The COVID-19 virus has forced local governments to implement various changes aimed at preventing the spread of the potentially deadly virus. While interstate travel during the outbreak is different, it's not illegal. However, many states put specific policies in place that mandated out-of-state visitors self-quarantine for a certain period time, most often 14 days. Such measures compelled many would-be travelers to remain within the borders of their home states.

But traveling need not be a relic of the past because of a pandemic. In fact, travel enthusiasts can hit the open road this fall with their peace of mind intact, especially if they follow a few safety precautions while heading off for parts unknown.

- Determine how far you really need to go. Restrictions have been lifted in many areas, but it's still most convenient for drivers to stay somewhat close to home, ideally within their own states. That makes it easy for them to buy food, gas, use a restroom, or visit a park or monument without violating the spirit of quarantine mandates. A trip need not cross borders to be fun.
- Plan for fewer pitstops. The fewer stops drivers make on their trips, the lower their risk of being exposed to the COVID-19 virus. In lieu of dining out during your trip, pack your lunch at home and take it with you. In addition, fill up your car before embarking on your trip so you don't have to visit the filling station while on the road. Bring enough water and snacks so you can stay hydrated and don't become hungry while out and about.
- Get a tuneup before your trip. No one wants to confront car trouble during a road trip, and that's especially so when traveling during a pandemic. A breakdown during a pandemic may force drivers to visit roadside body shops or arrange for tow trucks, potentially putting them at greater risk of getting COVID-19. Drivers should take their cars in for a tuneup before taking a road trip to lower that risk.
- Avoid densely populated areas if

you intend to get out of your vehicle. If you intend to get out of your vehicle during a road trip, avoid visiting areas that tend to draw large crowds. Popular lookout points may provide some beautiful fall views, but such points also draw crowds that may exceed the limits on group gatherings recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health agencies.

It's possible to travel during a pandemic. But drivers must take extra precautions to reduce their risk of being exposed to potentially deadly viruses like COVID-19.



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# How to effectively and safely sanitize a car

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way people live. One readily felt effect was spending more time at home. Vehicles sat idle in driveways and even some automotive insurance providers reduced rates because people were driving much less.

Even with stay-at-home measures in place, people still need to leave their homes to stock up on essentials, such as food or medicine. In other cases, people may have been essential workers who drive for a living, including delivery drivers or health care personnel who were incapable of working from home.

People want to protect themselves and now are more aware of the

importance of frequently cleaning and sanitizing their cars. Bacteria and germs may reside on various surfaces, including those inside vehicles. Keeping a vehicle safe to drive without affecting its upholstery or electronic components is paramount.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention makes a distinction between cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning refers to the removal of germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces. It does not kill germs, but can lower their numbers. Disinfecting refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. The following are some ways to deeply clean and sanitize a car.

- Wash hands. First and foremost, it is crucial to wash your hands before and after using the car. This can reduce the likelihood of growing ill because of transferred viruses or bacteria.
- Use rubbing alcohol. Solutions that contain 70 percent alcohol are effective against many viruses and bacteria, including coronaviruses, nearly every interior surface of a vehicle can be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol. Plastic to painted chrome to imitation leather have been tested to ensure they don't degrade when exposed to pure isopropyl alcohol.
- Avoid bleach or hydrogen peroxide. While bleach and peroxide are

very effective cleaners and sanitizers, they are likely to damage a car's upholstery.

- Use soap and water: Experts say that vigorous washing with a soap-and-water solution can be effective against many contaminants because it breaks down the protective envelope that surrounds coronaviruses and other germs to disarm them. Friction also can help to break down germ cells during cleaning.
- Address frequently touched surfaces. Pay attention to the steering wheel, door handles, buttons, touchscreen displays, shift lever, and more when sanitizing. Each of these items can harbor germs.

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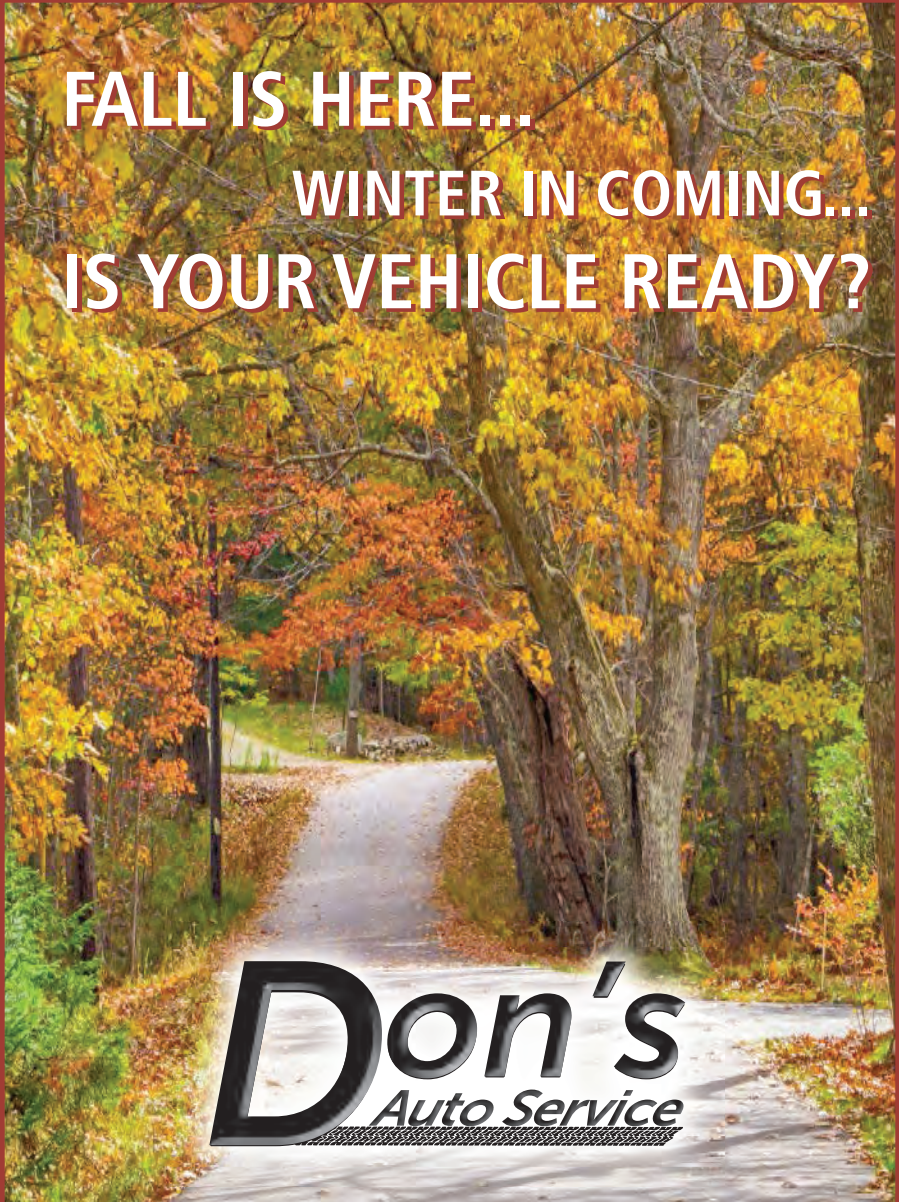


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## Education

### Living through history

*Local elementary students share their thoughts on COVID-19*

SOUTH HADLEY – Much like the rest of the world, children have gone through the pandemic and are experiencing history being made from their homes.

Third graders from Mosier Elementary School were tasked with a writing assignment about their thoughts and feelings surrounding COVID-19, according to teacher Allyson Saul.

This poem could be in any form the students wished and submissions included haiku, acrostic, shape, free verse and rhyming poems. The assignment was created by Leah McCarthy.

By Alexa Robertson

Coronavirus you have me stuck  
In the house. It's no fun even  
For a mouse.  
I have no pets so it's really lame  
And everything is just not the same.  
It's hard to get  
A lot of places closed  
And if not there's a really long line  
It seems like hours when you're  
passing the time.

By Amanda Nderitu

COVID-19/Coronavirus  
Coronavirus is hard to get away from.  
Right now school is closed for the  
school year  
I know it sounds exciting but it is not.  
You still need to do school work on  
the computer.  
But the bad thing is you can't see  
your friends!  
Anyway the fun part is that you can  
play games when you are done with  
your school work and do class meet-  
ings.  
The one thing is you must stay six  
feet away from people (six feet equals  
six rulers).

By Alia Wainscott

My family and me  
Sitting on the couch eating  
Lots of popcorn and chocolate candy  
Best time with my family at home  
Playing outside jump roping and  
dancing  
Inside playing board games and blast-  
ing music  
Me and my mom dancing and singing  
Me and my grandma outside planting  
flowers  
We keeping the social distancing

By Samantha Murphy

Corona time  
Now if I look  
In the book  
There is this  
Thing called  
Coronavirus  
There are a lot  
Of people dead  
Because of this  
I like calling this  
This virus Corona  
Time or COVID-19  
Now we have to  
Stay away from our friends.

### COLLEGE NOTES

#### Local residents graduate from UMass Lowell

*Virtual Commencement honors Class of 2020*

LOWELL - Local residents were among the graduates honored by UMass Lowell's 2020 Commencement in May.

The university held a virtual Commencement ceremony in May for the more than 4,400 members of the Class of 2020, which represents 45 states and 108 nations, and included 1,624 individuals who graduated with honors.

#### Local residents among UMass Lowell's Class of 2020 are:

- Lena Lilly Hellstrom of Granby, who received a Master of Science degree in information technology.
- Rachel Harrington of South Hadley, who received a Master of Science degree in biological sciences.
- Connie Couture of South Hadley, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in public health.

UMass Lowell is a national research university located on a high-energy campus in the heart of a global community. The university offers its more than 18,000 students bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in business, education, engineering, fine arts, health, humanities, sciences

and social sciences. UMass Lowell delivers high-quality educational programs, vigorous

#### Local residents graduate from Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON - The following local residents have graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, Mass.

- Blake Curtis of South Hadley

The university held a special virtual salute to its summer graduates on Aug. 16.

Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology stresses project-based, hands-on learning, with an emphasis on cooperative education and careers, community enrichment, and contributing to the economic vitality of the Greater Boston region. The nationally ranked school is recognized as a leader in engineering, technology, design and science.

Wentworth has some 19 bachelor's degree programs in areas such as architecture; construction management; mechanical, biomedical and civil engineering; and computer science. It offers master's degrees in applied computer science, architecture, civil engineering, construction management, facility management, and technology management.

## Neighbor News

### Womanshelter/Compañeras presents Allies in Action

*A domestic violence awareness month virtual speaker series*

HOLYOKE - Womanshelter/Compañeras is virtually hosting dynamic speakers and conversation about domestic violence in recognition of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month. "Allies in Action: A Speaker Series" will be on the first four Thursdays in Oct. at 4 p.m.

"As an agency we use these events to bring awareness that intimate partner violence can happen to anyone," Carmen Nieves, executive director of Womanshelter/Compañeras, said. "Family members, neighbors and employers are bystanders who can make a difference to a survivor's life."

Opening the series on Oct. 1, Kristen Faith - an expert in the field of trauma resilience and domestic violence - will spark dialogue using her experience as a survivor and thrive after an abusive relationship.

On Oct. 8, one of the most sought after educators on healthy relationships, Terry Josiah Sharpe is sharing his story about perpetuating and overcoming abuse.

On Oct. 15, Break the Silence Against Domestic Violence Board President Tara Woodlee will speak about starting her advocacy after her daughter Ashleigh and her unborn baby were killed by Ashleigh's boyfriend.

A roundtable of leaders from Massachusetts domestic violence services and prevention organizations will wrap up the speaker series on Oct. 22. The panel includes Womanshelter/Compañeras Executive Director Carmen Nieves, The Center of Hope and Healing Executive Director Isa Woldegiorgis, Casa Myrna CEO Stephanie Brown and New Realm Coaching and Consulting Founder Elizabeth Solomon will be moderating the event.

The events are free.

The public can register to participate in any of the presentations at womanshelter.org/events-2. Those attending the event that would like to make a donation to Womanshelter/Compañeras, can make their donation at <https://www.womanshelter.org/support-us/>.

Womanshelter/Compañeras is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. For 40 years, Womanshelter/Companeras has been dedicated to assisting, supporting and empowering those whose lives are affected by battering and abuse.

## Seniors

### Virtual program on Connecticut River

*This ongoing live, virtual program series aims to combat some of the dangers of prolonged social isolation for local seniors and other members of the public*

HOLYOKE – On Thursday, Oct.15 at 6:30 p.m., Wistariahurst will host "Of Sewers and Shad: The Future of the Connecticut River," a live, online program presented by Dr. Andrew Fisk.

In an accessible and engaging presentation Dr. Fisk will tell the story of our successes and significant remaining challenges to protect and restore the Connecticut River and its many tributaries. While there is much to be admired in the work done over the last decades, a changed climate, increasing development, and not least a shortage of ecological and historical imagination all hinder what is possible toward a river that is clean, healthy and full of life.

This program is free and is open to all members of the public but has been specially designed to address the needs of area seniors, many of whom continue to be socially isolated as a result of the

COVID-19 pandemic. The program is supported through a Community Development Block Grant - COVID-19 Grant to address, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic that is administered through the Holyoke Office of Community Development and has been planned in consultation with the Holyoke Council on Aging. Additional support has been provided through NEH CARES Act funding granted by Mass Humanities.

To register for Of Sewers and Shad: The Future of the Connecticut River or any future programs, please visit [www.Wistariahurst.org](http://www.Wistariahurst.org) or contact Eileen Maginnis at the Holyoke Council on Aging at [maginnise@holyokeyc.org](mailto:maginnise@holyokeyc.org). If you have an idea for a topic you'd like to be considered for a future Wistariahurst session, please contact [info@wistariahurst.org](mailto:info@wistariahurst.org).

Future virtual programs will focus on a diverse range of historical and cultural topics including programs on nature, art, history, travel and social justice. Upcoming presentations are set to include the natural history of the Pioneer Valley, the labor movement and women's organizing in local factories, and the history of Holyoke's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

## BUSINESS

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For more information on business coverage for the Town Reminder, please email [townreminder@turley.com](mailto:townreminder@turley.com).



Public Notices

**TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY  
NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Relative to  
Proposed Zoning Map  
Amendment**

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, and the Governor’s Executive Orders pertaining to public gatherings during the COVID 19 State of Emergency, will hold a **virtual** public hearing on **Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss a request by Catherine and Steven Knowles to amend the Town of South Hadley Zoning Map by changing the zoning designation of a particular parcel of land from Agricultural to Business A. **The public hearing will be conducted virtually/online probably using the Zoom Webinar platform and persons may join the meeting by either joining Zoom Webinar or by phone.** Final login information will be provided on the posted agenda for the October 19, 2020 meeting (agenda to be posted on the Town’s website no later than Thursday October 15, 2020).

The subject property is generally described as a 0.329 tract of land situated off the south side of Pearl Street and known as 82 Sorbi Circle aka 82 Pearl Street. The subject property is also identified on Tax Assessor’s Map #58 as Parcel #72.

The complete materials (including text and maps, if any) relative to the proposed amendment are available are on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall. The plans and application (and supporting documentation) are also posted on the Planning & Conservation Department’s Page of the Town’s website [www.southhadleyma.gov](http://www.southhadleyma.gov) in a Section titled “Zoning Map Amendment Requests”. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard regarding, this request should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Joanna Brown, Clerk  
South Hadley Planning Board  
10/02, 10/09/2020

**Request for Proposals  
Town-wide  
Road-Stream Crossing  
Assessment and Design**

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30B, the Town of South Hadley (“the Town”), is seeking to engage a Professional Engineer (hereinafter

referred to as “the consultant”), for the purpose of conducting a town-wide assessment of road-stream crossings, and developing preliminary resilient design and cost estimation for priority crossings. The RFP can be obtained by sending a request by email to [acapra@southhadleyma.gov](mailto:acapra@southhadleyma.gov). Qualified candidates are invited to submit statements of qualifications and proposals for this work.

Proposals will be accepted electronically via email to Anne Capra, Conservation Administrator/Planner at [acapra@southhadleyma.gov](mailto:acapra@southhadleyma.gov) **by Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 2pm.** Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, no hard copies will be accepted. Non-Price and Price Proposals shall be submitted as two separate files in the same email. Award will be made within ten (10) days after bid opening unless otherwise stated in the specifications or the time for award is extended by mutual consent of all parties. All proposals submitted shall be valid for a minimum period of sixty (60) calendar days following the date established for acceptance.

Proposals may be modified, corrected or withdrawn only by written correspondence received by the Town of South Hadley prior to the due date and time set. No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of five (5) days prior to the date of opening. After proposals are submitted, the consultant may not change any provision of the proposal in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Town of South Hadley or fair competition. Minor informalities will be waived or the consultant will be allowed to correct them. The Town of South Hadley reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in its best interest. This project is being funded under a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant, and total funding available is \$87,000.  
10/09/2020

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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY,  
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The Selectboard of the Town of South Hadley, Massachusetts will receive sealed bids for Snow Removal Services from 11/11/2020 till 04/15/2021 This contract is for snow removal services exclusively.

Applications will be received at the Office of the Department of Public Works, 10 Industrial Drive, South Hadley, MA 01075 until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020. All bids will be opened at a later date by the Chief Procurement Officer and Director of Public Works.

Specifications for the Snow Removal Services may be obtained from the office of the Department of Public Works, 10 Industrial Drive South Hadley, MA 01075.

Note the requirement for payment of prevailing wage rates no longer applies to snow and an ice removal operation, as it is considered a safety function, and is therefore exempt

The Town of South Hadley is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer; bids will be approved by the Affirmative Action Officer to ensure compliance with the Town’s Affirmative Action Plan. Minority and Women-Owned Businesses are encouraged to apply.

Bids are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B as amended, the Uniform Procurement Act.

Bids signed with the name and address of the bidder should be submitted in sealed envelopes that are plainly marked in the **lower left hand corner of the envelope “BID FOR SPECIFIED SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES”**.

The Town of South Hadley, Massachusetts, acting through its Selectboard, reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive minor errors or omissions if it is in the best interest of the Town do so.

No bidder may withdraw a bid within sixty (60) days after the bid opening. The Town of South Hadley reserves sixty (60) days to award the bid.

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allow it to. This native is best utilized in a naturalistic planting near the edges of woodlands or along stream banks.

I hope that the beautiful rainbow of color outside of your door, be it muted or in bright hues, will be a promise of better days ahead.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.*

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“Since he was eating voraciously, swimming and diving well, and blood tests and other diagnostic tests indicated that he was healthy, the loon was released onto the ocean in order to give him a head start on migration. In the time since his rescue, the loon’s chicks have continued to thrive on their lake. At 12 weeks of age, they are capable of providing their own food, though they continue to be cared for by their mom.”

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**FALL SPORTS**  
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Hampden East features Longmeadow, Minnechaug, East Longmeadow, Belchertown, South Hadley, and Amherst. Ludlow, Chicopee, and Chicopee Comprehensive do not have field hockey programs.

Girls volleyball has three bubbles.

Quabbin High School is a in a Central Mass. bubble that includes Oakmont, Murdock, and Gardner among its opponents.

The fall season officially began last Thursday with limited action. Full game schedules were going on Monday. Springfield's schedule is postponed for now with the city being elevated to high-risk status. Communities in that status are not able to play any high school sports. Monson was in that status a few weeks ago, but was cleared before the season began.

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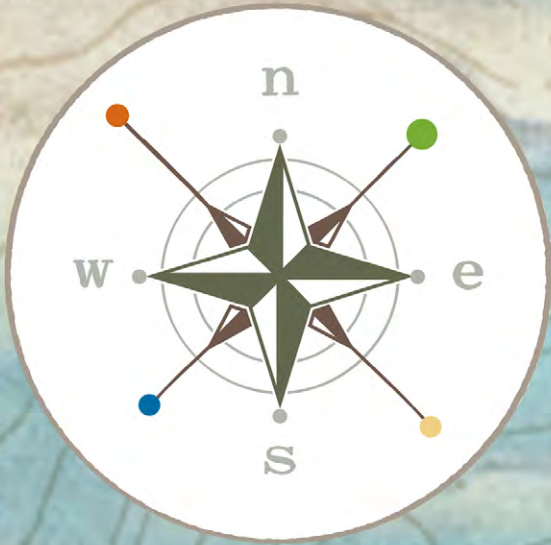
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